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1. ACCORDING TO NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT AND CENTRAL BANK SOURCES, THERE ARE NO RELIABLE ESTIMATES OF CURRENT VALUE OF DUTCH DIRECT INVESTMENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

2. SOURCES SAY THAT LARGEST DUTCH INVESTMENTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN UNITED KINGDOM, GERMANY, BELGIUM-- LUXEMBOURG, UNITED STATES AND FRANCE, IN THAT ORDER.

3. IN 10- YEAR PERIOD 1962 THROUGH 1971, NET DUTCH DIRECT INVESTMENT (I. E. OUTFLOWS MINUS CAPITAL REPATRIATION) IN UK TOTALLED 2.12 BILLION GUILDERS. (HOWEVER, THIS FIGURE INCLUDES TRANSFERS BY UNILEVER AND SHELL WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REINVESTED IN OTHER COUNTRIES BY UK HEADQUARTERS.) NET INVESTMENT IN GERMANY WAS 2.015 BILLION GUILDERS, IN BELGIUM- LUXEMBOURG 1.20 BILLION GUILDERS, IN U. S. 955 MILLION GUILDERS, AND IN FRANCE 929 MILLION GUILDERS. THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE REINVESTMENT OF CURRENT EARNINGS.

4. AVAILABLE FIGURES FOR 1972 ARE AS FOLLOWS: NET DUTCH DIRECT INVESTMENT IN FIVE OTHER EEC COUNTRIES TOTALLED 1.04 BILLION GUILDERS, IN U. S. 470 MILLION GUILDERS, IN UK 75 MILLION GUILDERS.

5. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, US FIGURES SHOW BOOK VALUE OF DUTCH INVESTMENT IN US TO BE 2.225 BILLION DOLLARS, AS OF DECEMBER 1971.
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